

# Indiana House of Representatives

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### **COMMITTEE OKS BISCHOFF'S BILL ON PURPLE HEART LICENSE PLATES**

INDIANAPOLIS – Today the House Roads and Transportation Committee passed a bill authored by State Rep. Bob Bischoff (D-Lawrenceburg) that would allow spouses of Purple Heart veterans to qualify for a specialized license plate that recognizes people who get the award.

"It has been brought to my attention by my constituents that the spouses of Purple Heart veterans do not qualify to receive the Purple Heart license plate," said Bischoff. "Spouses of veterans who have been wounded in battle should be eligible to display something that tells the world of the sacrifices their husband or wife made to protect our country."

The Purple Heart was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782 during the Revolutionary War. It is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces who has been wounded or killed.

Bischoff's legislation, House Bill 1105, would not expand the current license plates available to Hoosiers. Instead, it would allow more citizens to be eligible to purchase the Purple Heart license plate.

The bill will now be sent to the House of Representatives for second reading.